



Proclamation

Presented to

Joanna Ngit Cho Lau Sullivan

WHEREAS, Joanna Ngit Cho Lau Sullivan was born on July 4, 1921 to Soo Shee Pang Lau and Kun Lau; graduated from McKinley High School and Mun Lun Chinese School; excelled in all her school classes and took pride in being able to read, write and speak in her native language; and

WHEREAS, Joanna Ngit Cho Lau Sullivan and her mother, "Mama" Lau purchased the Lanikai Store in Kailua on July 21, 1941; the two enterprising business women managed all aspects of the store; and

WHEREAS, Joanna Ngit Cho Lau Sullivan and her mother, "Mama" Lau met Maurice "Sully" Sullivan in 1943; offered "Sully" a job at the store after the war was over in 1946; and

WHEREAS, Joanna Ngit Cho Lau Sullivan in partnership with "Mama" Lau and "Sully" Sullivan decided to open Foodland Supermarket Ltd. on May 6, 1948, marking the first supermarket in Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Joanna Ngit Cho Lau Sullivan in partnership with "Mama" Lau and "Sully" Sullivan discovered eventual success; accomplishments comprising of expanding their food retail business to include more than 30 supermarkets and more than 100 gift and sundry stores and brought numerous franchises to our State including the first McDonald's restaurant; and

WHEREAS, Joanna Ngit Cho Lau Sullivan has never forgotten about her humble beginnings; generously has given back to our local communities, through her support for the St. Francis Cardiac Care Center, funding refurbishments for the Ronald McDonald House, sponsoring scholarships at Chaminade University, Punahou School and Iolani School, and funding Research Chairs for the Cancer Research Center of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, Joanna Ngit Cho Lau Sullivan was awarded with a Honorary Doctorate from Chaminade University and was named Philanthropist of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals; and

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2011 as

"JOANNA NGIT CHO LAU SULLIVAN DAY"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Joanna Ngit Cho Lau Sullivan for her contributions to our communities and to the advancement of women in Hawai'i.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of June, 2011.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i